

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) released the following statement today after the Department of Labor released its jobs report for September:

“Today’s jobs report confirms that America’s economy is moving forward. With 104,000 private sector jobs added in September and our unemployment rate dropping below 8% for the first time in almost four years, more Americans are heading back to work for the thirty-first consecutive month as our recovery continues. After losing over 4 million jobs in the final year of the previous administration alone, our economy has turned a corner, adding nearly 2 million jobs over just the last 12 months.

“These positive numbers are a clear sign that our economy continues to recover. However, we cannot be satisfied by these gains alone, and we must do more. We need Congress to pass a comprehensive jobs plan that will invest in helping businesses succeed, expand, and hire for jobs here at home. I’m disappointed that this Congress has been unable to adopt a comprehensive plan, like the Make It In America plan, a jobs initiative I’m leading that invests in manufacturing and gives American businesses the certainty they need to expand and hire.

“Now is not the time to walk away from our jobs challenge but to confront it head-on, and this Congress has a responsibility to act. I’m hopeful that following the election both parties will come together to continue moving our economy forward.”